

## REMARKS

Claims 14-35 are pending in this application. Claim 29 has been amended to correct an error of claim dependency. No new matter is added by this amendment.

### I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112.

The Examiner has rejected claim 28 for containing a term that lacks antecedent basis. In view of the amendment to correct the error in claim 28, this rejection is no longer applicable. Its reconsideration and withdrawal is requested.

### II. Obviousness-type Double Patenting rejections

The Examiner has issued three double patenting rejections on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting:

(i) Rejection of claims 14-35 as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,669,929 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,944,661.

(ii) Rejection of claims 14-35 as being unpatentable over claims 1-28, 44; and 46 of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/739,803 in view of Zerbe; and

(iii) Rejection of claims 14-35 as being unpatentable over claims 1-41 and 44-45 of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/860,377 in view of Zerbe.

The applicant has submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Statement of Common Ownership in each. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

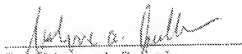
CONCLUSION

It is submitted that claims 14-35 describe patentable subject matter and are in a form for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claim 14-35 at the earliest opportunity is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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